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Our Reference:
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Via: request-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

Date: 12 February 2015

Dear Mr Whyte

As you are aware, I am treating your correspondence dated 14 January 2015 as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

Can you please advise on the level (weight) of Depleted Uranium (DU) placed inside the following nuclear weapons:

Grapple 'Y'
Grapple 'Z' Operation Pennant
Grapple 'Z' Operation Flagpole
Grapple 'Z' Operation Halliard
Grapple 'Z' Operation Burgee

This letter is to inform you that we consider that the qualified exemptions under Section 24 (National Security) and Section 26 (Defence) apply to your request. As such, it is necessary for us to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The Freedom of Information Act requires us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies and a public interest test has to be conducted, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days. A full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case and, in relation to your request, we estimate that it will take up to an additional 20 working days to take a final decision on where the balance of public interest lies. We therefore plan to respond by 11 March 2015.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOxxx@xxx.xx). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Defence Equipment and Support Policy Secretariat

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